

We Claim:

1. A method of providing cardiac support comprising

providing a cannula body having an inlet and
5 an outlet,

inserting the cannula through a first valve into a heart chamber in an antegrade flow direction and through a second valve out of the heart chamber in an antegrade flow direction,

10 drawing blood into the cannula through the inlet upstream of the first valve, and

discharging blood from the cannula through the outlet downstream of the second valve, thereby bypassing the heart chamber,

15 wherein the cannula includes a preformed bend sized and configured to extend within the heart chamber between the inlet and the outlet.

2. A method according to claim 1

wherein the chamber is a right ventricle,

20 wherein the first valve is a tricuspid valve, and

wherein the second valve is a pulmonary valve.

3. A method of providing cardiac support comprising

25 providing a cannula body having an inlet and an outlet,

inserting the cannula through a first valve into a heart chamber in a retrograde flow direction and through a second valve out of the heart chamber in a retrograde flow direction,

30 drawing blood into the cannula through the inlet upstream of the second valve, and

discharging blood from the cannula through the outlet downstream of the first valve, thereby bypassing

35 the heart chamber,

wherein the cannula includes a preformed bend sized and configured to extend within the heart chamber between the inlet and the outlet.

- 5 4. A method according to claim 3
 wherein the heart chamber is a left ventricle,
 wherein the first valve is an aortic valve,
 and
 wherein the second valve is a mitral valve.